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School Notes.

The grades held their first weekly assembly on Wednesday of last week and rendered a very interesting program. It consisted of the following numbers:

Loves Old Sweet Song, School.
Vocal Duet, Kathryn Schulte and Hazel Feuerbacher.
Reading, Lena Norris.
Piano Solo, Alice Kunkel.
School Paper, Ethel Stewart.
Piano Duet, Mildred Ramsey and Emma Curry.
Reading, Mabel Lent.
Onward Christian Soldiers, School.
The seventh grade will give the program this week, which is as follows:

Onward Christian Soldiers, School.
Little Orphan Annie, Marjorie Evans.

Composition, Lift Missouri Out of the Mud, Malcolm McFall.
Vocal Solo, Virginia Patterson.
Discussion of the Peace Treaty, Mildred Kramer.

Reading, Jean Stone.
Instrumental Solo, Golda Bell.
Paper, Joe Frye.

Missouri Mine, School.
Patrons and friends are invited to attend these assemblies.

In a rare drill last week the building was cleared in two minutes.

The debating club held their first regular meeting in the High School Auditorium last Thursday evening. There was a good attendance in spite of the inclement weather and the lights being off. Much interest was shown in the debate, "Resolved, that basketball should be excluded from this school." The affirmative represented by Emma Wiemeyer and Bennett Martin won over the negative, represented by Alice Babb and Murray Kunkel. The school is quite proud of this first program and is confident that it will have a first-class debating team this year.

After the program the business was transacted, the most important of which was the adoption of the constitution.

Their next program will be given on Thursday evening, October 28. It consists of the following numbers:

Reading, Alice Wiemeyer.
Piano Solo, Carol Meyer.
Discussion of Presidential Candidates, Lawrence Lehmer.

Current Events, Carl Headley.
Debate, "Resolved, that California is justified in excluding the Japanese from land ownership."

The affirmative will be presented by Edwin Bunker and Catherine Smith; the negative by Glenn Markert and Wilma Teare.

The school is very much elated over the arrival of the new encyclopedia which the school board has purchased for it. This is an up-to-date set of twenty-four volumes of the New International Encyclopedia. They are a great improvement over the 1903 edition which the school has been using. We feel assured that the standard of our work will be noticeably higher as a result of this purchase and we wish to acknowledge our appreciation to the Board.

The loving cup won for the school by Bennett Martin, at the County Oratorical contest at Bigelow last May, has been placed on display at the high school. We are proud to be allowed to keep this beautiful cup this year and hope that we may be fortunate enough to keep it for several more. Plans are being made for the purchase of a glass case large enough to hold several trophy cups.

Basketball practice is progressing nicely. Fifteen girls reported for practice Monday evening and an equal number of boys reported Tuesday evening. In order to keep a high standard among the players, the faculty have decided that no one shall be allowed to practice who is doing unsatisfactory work in any of his or her classes. The motto of the Oregon High School is "Basket ball and other activities second to school work."

The second number of the Lyceum Course will be given this (Thursday) evening of this week. Every one

should hear this number. We are sure that Dr. Plattenburg will give an unusually good lecture at that time. We quote from his recommendations as follows: Detroit, Minn.: The merchants of Detroit were greatly pleased with your lecture given at the Chautauqua. The business men of Detroit have asked me to write to you if we can get you to repeat the lecture, or make a similar talk at our county fair September 24. We are all agreed that your talk along the line of supporting the home town is the most convincing we have ever heard. You certainly give the straight goods. —Signed, Sec. Commercial Club, Hear Dr. Plattenburg.

Community Notes.

We take pleasure in acknowledging several donations of prize money to our treasury, given by parties taking premiums at the recent Community Fair. When all the donations are in we will publish the full list. The donations are most welcome as our funds are low. On account of the many calls recently made on our community for other purposes, we have not thought it proper at this time to solicit funds, and have been depending on membership dues and donations.

Many compliments have come to us in regard to the splendid Community Fair, but we wish to say that while we assisted and took part in the fair, we feel that all the honor is due the Woodville Community Center for the wonderful success of the undertaking. The Community League wishes to thank the ladies who had charge of the needlework exhibit, held in its community room, during the fair. These ladies gave so liberally of their time and efforts in arranging the display in a worthy manner, that they are deserving of much praise.

The Indoor Recreation Committee has had the Community Room open to the public the greater part of the past week, and we hope now to have it always open to our visiting friends, and trust they will enjoy its use.

If you would like the use of the Community Room for church, school, social or civic affairs, please consult with Mrs. C. E. Bunker, president of the League.

We are sorry that it was necessary to give up our Community Sing last Monday night, for a more important program. The next regular night is Monday, November 1st. The songs prove more enjoyable each time. So do not fail to come November 1st.

The League Council is anxious that the chairmen of all committees should call meetings and outline their work, so they may have reports for an open meeting early in November. So much that is interesting and helpful may be accomplished if we but think and plan ahead. Then work together.

"Him Have Good Face."

Senator Harding's smile has won him a handsome Indian blanket. Nana Carrothers Leaming, matron of an Indian school at Polacca, Arizona, tells the story:

An Indian woman from the mountains saw Senator Harding's picture in a trader's store. "Him look good; him have good face; him honest man," was her comment. The trader told her he was to be the next "big white chief at Washington." He said his name was Harding. At the woman's request, the trader wrote the name "Harding" on a slip of paper.

In a few days the Indian woman returned to the trader's store and unfolded a beautiful blanket that she had made. The trader immediately offered to buy it, and asked her, "How much?" "Me no sell," she answered. "Me make it for Harding. See him name?" In the blanket, beautiful in color and design, was woven the name, "Harding." "Send to him for me," she said, as she turned to go, "Him good man, him good white chief."

—Mrs. Jessie Quick spent Sunday in St. Joseph visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller and family.

Why the County Seat Should Not Be Moved.

1. Because it is UNNECESSARY.
2. Because Oregon is much more accessible than Mound City.
3. Because Oregon has the benefit of twelve passenger trains daily, on the main trunk line of the C. B. & Q. R. R.
4. Because Mound City has only four passengers daily, on a branch line of the C. B. & Q.
5. Because the Forest City road is never impassable.
6. Because the Bigelow-Mound City road is often impassable, sometimes flooded for weeks at a time.
7. Because train service is rarely interfered with on the main line of the C. B. & Q., and that only in extreme weather.
8. Because the railroad tracks between Bigelow and Mound City are often flooded and train service interfered with for days at a time.
9. Because the present courthouse and jail are substantial, dignified, commodious and adequate.
10. Because a new courthouse and jail would have to be built at Mound City, at a large expense to the county.
11. Because it will cost nothing to leave it where it is.
12. Because Mound City admits it will cost at least \$434,800.00 to build new county buildings.
13. Because Mound City's figures on the estimated cost are erroneous.
14. Because it was estimated, when prices were normal, that new county buildings would cost \$125,000.00. Cost of building has increased at least four times, making the estimate now \$500,000.00. By the time the bonds are retired the cost to the tax payers would be nearer \$750,000.00.
15. Because it means an increase of tax on all taxable property in the county.
16. Because this tax would be a burden on the tax-payers for twenty years to come.
17. Because the payment of this tax would bring no benefit to the tax-payers outside of Mound City.
18. Because the people will never vote this tax upon themselves.
19. Because, if the location is changed, the offices and their valuable records must by law be moved to the new seat of justice, as soon as a place can be found to hold court.
20. Because such removal means that the valuable records will be poorly housed, until bonds for new buildings can be voted.
21. Because the valuable records will be exposed to loss and damage for years, until such bonds can be voted or until the people vote to move the county seat back to Oregon.
22. Because it means building up Mound City at the expense of every other town in the county.
23. Because it means taking trade away from established business and giving it to Mound City.
24. Because it means adding dollars, which have not been earned, to the value of property in and near Mound City.
25. Because it means taking dollars that have been earned, away from property in and near every other town in the county.
26. Because it means upsetting business and property values all over the county.
27. Because if things are left as they are, business will go on as usual over the county.
28. Because few will be benefited and many injured by the change.
29. Because the County seat for the same reasons we should move our national capital to Kansas City.
30. Because the same money would do ten times more good in schools and roads.
31. If the court house is bad, has Mound City a better one? When will Mound City get a better one? Who will pay for it? Where in Mound City are the fire-proof vaults to store our records? Where in Mound City will they hold court?
32. Why did not Mound City submit architects' plans and specifications; also contractor's bonded bid; also underwriter's bid for bonds; ask for removal when the new court was complete. Then we would know how much it will cost, the interest we will pay and that our records will be safe.
33. Because it is against the principles for which America stands. We just got through fighting Germany for the same thing—Selfishness.
34. For the good of all the county, build roads, not a court house.
35. To tax the county for a court house will keep prospective land buyers away from Holt county for twenty to thirty years.
36. Because it is absolutely a useless expense.
37. Because the court house is too good to throw away.
38. Because building material is at the highest price point in the history of the world.
39. Because thrifty people do not become thrifty by waste.
40. Because price of farm products are all coming down, and your income is going to be less this year than last.
41. Because it benefits a few at the expense of a lot of hard working people who have denied themselves many comforts in order to have something for old age.
42. Because it will work a hardship on your neighbor, who is in debt.
43. Because it is not right for people who pay no taxes to vote a useless tax on those who have the bills to pay.
44. Because when you vote for removal you vote money out of your own pocket into Mound City's pocket, and are ahead nothing.
45. Because, except for a few people in Mound City, it is all to lose and nothing to gain.
46. If anyone of the upper end of the county actually believes that the court house is in a dilapidated condition we will gladly go after you and bring you back home in a good six cylinder automobile, and you may judge for yourself, the News-Jeffersonian notwithstanding.
47. Original site selected.
48. No need of new building.
49. Unjust Taxation.
50. People invested in Oregon as County Seat.
51. Un-American to destroy one community to build up another.
52. No better site to be found in State.
53. Would destroy business of all other towns in county.
54. Mound City has no just reason for asking removal.
55. Use money on good roads instead of new court house.
56. Material and labor too high at present time for building.
57. Because the present court house is modern, up-to-date and fully meets the needs of the county.
58. Because the present prices of labor and building material are the highest ever known.
59. Because taxation in the county, state and nation is at the highest point ever reached in all history.
60. Because the nations of the entire world are nearly bankrupt on account of the Great War.
61. Because the additional taxation necessary to build a new court house and jail, would make every farm home in the county modern, and furnish the housewife all the modern labor-saving machinery.
62. Because the county now has the most beautiful court yard park in the state.
63. Because the citizens of Oregon donated \$10,000.00, which was used by the county court in improving and modernizing the court house and thereby saved the taxpayers of the county that amount.
64. Because the money required to build a new Court house could be expended to much better advantage in building good roads and in improving the schools of the county.
65. Because it now stands on the most beautiful site in Northwest Missouri.
66. Because a new one is not needed.
67. Because it tears down one community for the selfishness of another.
68. Because we cannot afford to endanger the safety of the records of the county.
69. Because Mound City is the only town in our county who wants something for nothing.
70. Because of that horrible Bigelow-Mound City road.
71. Because good men placed it here, and not a bunch of land sharks.

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In The Game.

In the investigation into campaign expenditures, by the U. S. Senate committee, in session at St. Louis, this week, confidential letters from the files of the League of Peace were introduced into the record.

It seems that Don M. Hunt, son of Mrs. Ora Hunt, of this city, and attorney for the committee who investigated the activities of the league, reported that "in his estimation" officials of the league have violated the Logan act, passed January 30, 1799, which prohibits American citizens carrying on negotiations with foreign governments or their agents regarding disputes or controversies without the permission of the United States. The act carries a penalty upon conviction, of fines of not more than \$5,000 and imprisonment of from six months to three years.

The senate committee sent Hunt to New York to investigate the activities of the League to Enforce Peace.

Hunt conducted an inquiry for five days at the league's offices there; read all the correspondence in its files, and examined employees and officers of the organization.

His report, a voluminous document embracing copies of all letters which he thought had a bearing on the campaign expenditures investigation, was presented.

Intense Farming Pays.

It's in order for every one, when you meet Harry Milne, of Forbes township, to take off your hat to him and extend congratulations, for he is now a "daddy" not only to a fine girl, but to a bouncing baby boy, twins being presented to him by his wife, at Ensworth hospital in St. Joseph, Tuesday, October 19. Mrs. Milne was formerly, Miss Cora DeVault, of the Home Bureau Department, and her many friends will be anxious to see her and her twins.

Get \$7,000.00 Worth of Merchandise.

The Tull & Tull, general merchandise store, at Craig, was robbed of \$7,000 worth of merchandise some time during Sunday night, October 17. These gentlemen in August last, purchased the Racket stock from Ora Scrivner, and the loss falls heavy, indeed, upon these men.

Methodist Church Notes.

I am glad to report my presence again, among you, but since it was a call of duty and rendering assistance, I am glad of the spirit that was manifested in releasing me over last Sunday by our Methodist people, glad they returned Brother Walker's visit of two weeks ago.

The autumn leaves are doing their best by spreading before us picturesque scenes, while they remain with us, so we should improve our time during our short stay on earth, doing our best and this can be done by striving for our Master; be faithful to your trust and make the Lord first in your life.

On account of not having any lights we were unable to hold our prayer and Bible services Thursday night, but we will meet again next Thursday night at 7:30 p. m., so come.

Regular services on Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; morning worship, 11:00 a. m.; Epworth league, 6:30 p. m.; evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

If the weather permits we will fulfill our promise we made last week of going to the County Fair and holding religious services at 3:00 p. m. next Sunday for the dear people there.

You are cordially invited to come and eat at our table.

F. SMITH,
Pastor.

Hon. S. F. O'Fallon will address the citizens of Maitland, Thursday evening, October 28, on the Constitutional Amendments. Turn out—give him a big crowd.

The Good Roads Committee of the state, say that the automobile tax will absolutely pay the \$40,000,000 in bonds if voted for good roads, without any further increased tax.

The Temple of Justice.

"I've wandered to the village, Tom,
I've sat beneath the tree,"
Upon the Court House plaza.
Where the old friends met with me.
Its streets are just as broad, Tom,
Its sturdy elms and oaks as grand,
Its pavement smooth, and clean and wide,
As any in the land.

Its school bell rings as clear, Tom,
As in the days long gone.
Its Temple stands erect,
"From turret to foundation stone"—
The massive walls are firm and strong,
A monument it stands, in point of time,
Defying the elements, and calumny,
As Gibraltar withstands the sea.

Long may "His Honor" sit beneath
The dome, Tom,
The eagle perch with bending beak!
Who cares for carping critics' kicks?
Let Cox and Harding strike and punch.
(The League is bound to stand),
But when Holt's voters "speak"
They'll beat the "TAX-y" bunch.
In the final battle, "hand-to-hand."
—FAIRPLAY.

Light Line Improvement.

Our city council has caused the re-habilitation of our city light line, through a contract made with the Tri-State Electric Company, of Kansas City. They sent their engineer, who went over the line, and made blue prints, and later sent a crew of three of their very best workmen, with Carl A. Daniels, as foreman, and Sam Erps and R. Blanchard, and a nicer and more gentlemanly set of fellows you would not meet in a month's travel. They completed their work, Saturday last, after having been on the job for some six weeks. They were assisted in their work by Seth Curtis, Jessie Hicks and John Heller and team, all of this city.

Evangelical Church.

We were not expecting to disappoint a congregation last Sunday night but asked the Sunday school to decide about dismissing the evening service in order that we might attend the closing service at Richville. Our services are usually carried out as announced, so we invite you to come again. All our regular services next Sunday, in Oregon in the morning and Nickell's Grove in the evening. Sunday school every Sunday at both places.

Our union revival meeting of Nodaway M. E. and Nickell's Grove will begin November 7. Fuller announcement will be made later, as we are busy getting ready for this meeting and expect it will be a good one.

E. A. PAULI, Pastor.

Dies.

H. J. (Gus) Martin, a brother of Dan M. Martin, of this city, died at Dallas, Oregon, October 16, 1920, age 77 years, 11 months and 26 days. He came here with his parents, and resided here from 1865 to 1872, and then went to Mound City, and from there to the west. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving as a member of the 8th Iowa Cav. He was a member of the original G. A. R. post, which was organized here in May, 1868, and was known as Gen. Lyon Post.

Hear Hon. S. F. O'Fallon talk on the Constitutional Amendments in Maitland, Thursday evening, October 28. Turn out and hear these explained.—Lexington, Mo., Intelligencer.

Dr. Plattenburg's speaking is wonderful, almost phenomenal. His mind, almost without effort, seizes the important parts of his subject, which he presents, with many appropriate illustrations to his auditors. His spartan-like convictions cause him to speak with convincing force, interest and zeal. His easy, rapid and broad classifications enable him to speak without being tedious and tiresome to his auditors. Hear him to-night, October 21, at High School Auditorium, Oregon, Mo.